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Sir:

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U.S. 5,089,411; 4,931,391; 5,705,382; 5,135,858; US2004/0175809; US2004/048348 and US2004/0175810 are substantively cumulative English language counterparts of EP 0 362 829; EP0 243 967; EP 0 707 061; EP 444 640; WO02/088373; WO02/50297 and WO 02/088371.

As we were unable to obtain an English language abstract/equivalent for SU 1731814 applicant would like to bring to the examiners attention that said Russian reference is discussed in the instant application on page 3.

Copies of the non-U.S. references (that do not have U.S. equivalents) and/or English language abstracts thereof and all articles/journals are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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